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1. ONLY TWO DOCUMENTS RECEIVED AT MISSION (A) ITEM 4-
IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 50 (III) AND (B) ITEM 3 -
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2. FOLLOWING SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS RE IMPLEMENTING
RESOLUTION 50 (III): AFTER CITING ACTIVITIES TO DATE,
UNCTAD SECRETARIAT RECOMMENDS THAT AGAINST BACKGROUND
REFERENCE IN DECLARATION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW
ECONOMIC ORDER TO NEED TO IMPROVE COMPETITIVENESS OF
NATURAL PRODUCTS, GOVERNMENTS SHOULD CONSIDER WHETHER NEW
INITIATIVES NEED BE TAKE. FOUR ISSUES IDENTIFIED:
(A) PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION INTERNATIONALLY
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FINANCED PROGRAMS OF R & D FOR EACH NATURAL PRODUCT.

CALLS FOR INTERNATIONALLY FINANCED PROJECTS SUPPLEMENTAL TO INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY PROJECTS FOR R&D EFFORTS FOR COTTON, JUTE AND HARD FIBERS SUCH AS RUBBER, HIDES AND SKINS. SUGGESTS INITIATIVE MIGHT BE TAKEN BY PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS, SPECIALIZED COMMODITY BODIES OR THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

(B) FUNDING R & D. SUGGEST AS "ONE POSSIBILITY" ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE MOBILIZATION AND COORDINATION OF ASSISTANCE FOR RESEARCH INTO AGRICULTURAL RAW MATERIALS WITH ITS OWN TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS ESTABLISHMENT APPROPRIATE MACHINERY FOR FUNDING RESEARCH ON PRODUCT-BY-PRODUCT BASIS. CALLS FOR MORE FUNDS FROM AID BUDGETS AND SUGGEST EEC MIGHT CONSIDER EXPANDING TECHNICAL COOPERATION FINANCED FROM COMMUNITY FUNDS.

(C) (C) LONG-TERM STRATEGY TO IMPROVE COMPETITIVENESS. COMPETITION EXPECTED CONTINUE UNABATED DESPITE OIL PRICE INCREASES. URGES COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH WITH PRODUCING COUNTRIES DEVELOPING JOINT STRATEGY INVOLVING "PACKAGE" FOR R & D, PRICE STABILIZATION, COMMERCIAL PROMOTION AND IMPROVED MARKETING. SUGGEST ALTERNATIVELY SERIES OF MEASURES IN ONE FRAMEWORK SUCH AS COMMODITY AGREEMENT WHICH DESIGNED TO "RAISE CENTRAL FUND BY MEANS OF A LEVY" WHICH COULD BE USED TO ASSIST FINANCING BUFFER STOCKS, EXPANDED R & D, PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS, AND DIVERSIFICATION PROGRAMS. WHILE SUGGESTING PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS NOT ALWAYS BEST ANSWER, FOR MOST NATURAL PRODUCTS PRODUCING COUNTRIES MUST COOPERATE OR THERE IS NO HOPE TO OFFER EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO THREAT FROM SYNTHETICS.

(D) INFORMATION ON SYNTHETICS. NEED FOR ADEQUATE FLOW INFORMATION FROM GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE FIRMS AS WELL AS FIELD RESEARCH. SUGGEST SURVEY BE TAKEN OF EXISTING SOURCES OF INFORMATION ON PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION, TRADE, PRICES AND COSTS OF SYNTHETIC MATERIALS COMPETING WITH NATURAL AND ASSESSMENT MADE OF GAPS IN KNOWLEDGE.

(E) SUPPORT FOR PROMOTION. CALLS ATTENTION TO SEPARATE UNCLASSIFIED

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